

6 December 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 4 December 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Dulles,  
Admiral Foster, Mr. Gray, Mr. Herter, Mr. Scribner,  
Mr. Smith, Mr. Sprague, Mr. Stassen, Mr. Staats

1. Budgets

Mr. Smith and Mr. Allen discussed the implications for their respective programs of recent adjustments in their budgets.

2. Publicity on Missiles and Earth Satellites

With particular reference to the increasing amount of publicity on impending tests of the VANGUARD satellite and missile, Mr. Herter suggested that a general review of our publicity policy in these fields would be in order. It was decided that the agreed guidelines established in this connection would be discussed at an early Board meeting, along with an examination of difficulties which member agencies may have encountered in following the guidelines.

3. Soviet Scientific Publications

In the light of recent newspaper articles, letters to editors, the interest of Representative Kelly, etc., the subject of the availability of Soviet scientific publications in this country was discussed. The implication of the various statements along these lines has been that the US scientific effort is suffering because of lack of access to literature on Soviet advances, while American scientific publications are extensively translated and indexed in the USSR. The DCI advised the group that the intelligence community does have access to Soviet publications and has been able to make good use of them; however, it is not desirable to state this fact publicly. It was agreed that the

National Science Foundation and the Department of Defense should consider what might be done to combat publicity of the sort described, without violating security. There was also discussion of the possibility of having the Department of Defense work with the National Science Foundation on this problem. (Although not explicitly stated in this meeting, the DCI may speak to Secretary Weeks about this matter and might at a later date make a report to the OCB on it.)

4. Export-Import Bank Loans to Indonesia

The matter of loans by the Export-Import Bank to Indonesia, in accordance with guidance contained in paragraph 6 of the Special Report on Indonesia, prepared for the NSC, were discussed. It was agreed that further loans should be deferred pending appraisal of the latest developments in that country.

5. Soviet Challenges Regarding Rocket Testing

The Board considered a suggestion made by the Special Assistant to the President for Disarmament, in his memorandum of November 22, which recommended certain countering proposals in connection with Soviet challenges to the US in the field of rocket testing. It was agreed that the OCB Committee on Soviet and Related Matters should develop for Board consideration a report outlining the various questions involved and possible courses of action. It was felt that this consideration should take into account aspects of possible East-West competition other than in the military field, particularly as they might relate to uncommitted areas of the world.

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